

Schemes for the Grant of Land for Building purposes to ex-Servicemen in the State.

*Q.—197. Sri P. F. D'MELLOW (Nominated).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

- (a) what schemes, if any, exist for the grant of land for building purposes to ex-servicemen in the State ;
- (b) what land has already been granted for this purpose (District-wise information may be furnished) ;
- (c) what is the agency through which these grants are made ;
- (d) whether adequate machinery exists for all ex-servicemen in the State to be made aware of these schemes ;
- (e) whether any class of ex-servicemen is excluded from these schemes and if so, why ?

A.—Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

- (a) No special scheme exists for ex-servicemen.
- (b) Information regarding the area granted to ex-servicemen is not separately available.
- (c) The claims of ex-servicemen are considered by the revenue authorities along with the claims of other applicants.
- (d) and (e) Do not arise in view of reply to clause (a).

Sri P. F. D'MELLOW.—Will the Government be pleased to call for and examine any scheme or schemes that are known to exist in other States with a view to determine whether they could be applied here ?

Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA.—There is no need for any separate scheme for grant of land to ex-servicemen. We have already decided to give a certain percentage of reservation out of the surplus land available for ex-servicemen and families of servicemen who are fighting on the borders. Everyday we are granting land to these people.

Sri J. P. SARVESH.—What is the number of applications received from ex-servicemen and how many have been granted lands ?

Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA.—I cannot give the figure off-hand. There are thousands of granting authorities and everyday we are granting lands.

Sri G. V. GOWDA.—The question pertains to grant of land to ex-servicemen for building purposes and not for cultivation. Does the Revenue Minister mean that lands are reserved for ex-servicemen even in respect of building sites ?

Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA.—We are not concerned with the sanctioning of lands for building purposes but in the lands sanctioned they are at liberty to build houses.

Sri G. V. GOWDA.—I want to know if any preference is given to ex-servicemen in the allotment of sites in Bangalore or Mysore ?

Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA.—We do not have any such scheme.